

Dr. Sydney T. Chapman, Armitt Trust Librarian and Custodian, shows the Benson papers to Peter Prain, Secretary, Kleinwort Benson charitable trust, following his successful appeal for funding from the London merchant bank.



● Ambleside's Armitt Trust chairman Mrs Eileen Jay and Armitt librarian and custodian Dr Sydney Chapman show some of the Benson family documents and genealogy to Mr Peter Prain (centre), secretary of the charitable trust of London merchant bankers Kleinwort Benson plc.

The Benson family's ancestors owned a considerable number of mills near Ambleside and the bankers' trust is making a significant donation towards the Armitt Trust's appeal to buy and open a museum near Ambleside.